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MEMORANDUM FOR: James H. Taylor
Secretary, EAG

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Comments on your 30 January 1979 Memorandum
on the Revitalized EAG

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1. I'm not enthusiastic about putting your new responsibilities "within" the O/Comptroller. I'd like to see you double-hatted and this a separate responsibility. Someday we might want it to be headed by someone other than the Comptroller.

2. I think I should be chairman of the group and Frank the vice chairman. If this is to be the highest level decisionmaking body in the Agency, I think I should head it. It would be my intent to decide which issues on the agenda I want to participate in and which I want to leave entirely to Frank. A subsequent DCI might want to do it differently and hence should have the option of being the chairman.

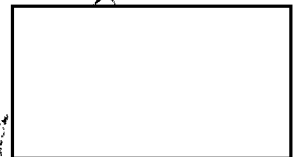
3. I am not clear on the difference between a committee, a council and a board, and where you cross the line into being a decisionmaking as opposed to an advisory body. It seems to me this is an advisory body and that the DDCI makes decisions when he acts as chairman of it and I make decisions when I do. I am probably missing some distinction as to decisionmaking here. My overall preference is to call it a board--like a board of directors, which is the way I view it--although I suppose most boards have some greater authority than we are talking about here.

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